

**GOVERNOR'S P-20 COORDINATING COUNCIL
GREAT TEACHERS GREAT LEADERS TASK FORCE
MINUTES**

General Meeting – October 14, 2009

Location: 1700 W. Washington
Governor's 6th Floor 6A Conference Room
Phoenix, AZ

Members Present: Dr. Carol Peck, Dave Howell, Dr. Karen Butterfield, Jan Amator, Thomas Davison, Pearl Chang Esau, Anthony Griffith, Dr. Janet Johnson, Dr. Mari Koerner, Wendy Reeck, Frank Davison, Meredith Curley, Kristin Jordison, Dee Navarro, Ron Dickson, Lydia Lee

Members Absent: John Wright, Rick Myers

Staff Members: Debra Raeder, Dr. Deb Duvall, Nancy Whitman

Guest Presenters: John Pineda and Jody Foldesy

1. Meeting Call to Order at 9 a.m. - Welcome, Introductions

Dave Howell introduced himself and welcomed the Great Teachers Great Leaders Task Force members and guests to the meeting. Mr. Howell asked the Task Force members and guests to briefly introduce themselves. Dr. Carol Peck, Chair of the P-20 Coordinating Council, outlined the structure of the P-20 Coordinating Council and the task forces and explained what is expected of the task forces. The first priority being the Race To The Top grant application that is due very soon. It is also expected that the task forces will share ideas and take those ideas back to their constituency and bring those concerns and ideas back to the task force to discuss. Dr. Peck indicated that it is very important for everyone on each task force work as a team and be united in their efforts.

2. Draft Charter for Great Teachers, Great Leaders Task Force

Debra Raeder, Executive Director of the Governor's P-20 Coordinating Council, shared a power point presentation that walked through the structure of the P-20 Coordinating Council and the task forces. A timeline with expectations at each juncture was outlined, as well as an overview of the Race To The Top grant application process and the need to move rapidly. It was again emphasized that teamwork was vital to getting this accomplished and would involve working with the other task forces.

3. Race to the Top

Dr. Deb Duvall, Special Assistant to Governor Brewer, briefly described the Race To The Top grant application process. She stressed that whether we received the funds from this grant or not, the mission was developing a plan to improve education in Arizona. Arizona was one of eight states to receive technical assistance in order to help us apply for the Race To The Top grant. The Boston Consulting Group is providing this assistance.

4. Baseline Data and Great Teachers & Principals

Dr. Karen Butterfield, Arizona Department of Education, discussed the current status of Arizona's efforts to ensure great teachers and great leaders. Dr. Butterfield presented baseline data in this regard and discussed the alternative pathways in place to ensure great teachers and great leaders.

5. Arizona's Pay for Performance Programs Performance Based Compensation System

John Kelly discussed Proposition 301 that created the Class Site Funds and ARS 15-0977 that requires Governing Boards to adopt a performance based compensation system.

Following Dr. Butterfield and John Kelly's presentations, the Task Force members engaged in discussion on:

- the Career Ladder Program,
- Challenges and gaps in professional development and teacher training,
- Status of highly qualified teacher equitable distribution, and
- Various initiatives around the state that are working to identify and develop effective teachers and principals.

6. Proposed Approach and Path Forward

Jody Foldesdy from BCG presented the approach and path forward for preparing to apply for the Race To The Top grant, outlined the overall timeline and meeting schedule, and highlighted the need for stakeholder engagement and involvement in the process.

7. Call to the Public

Dave Howell made a call to the public. There was one request to address the Task Force. Ted Kraver talked about e-Learning and the e-learning task force.

8. Next Steps

Don Howell requested that the members continue to think about the framework for evaluating initiatives to prioritize in the Race To The Top application and be prepared to bring ideas to the table:

- Identify the models you would like the task force to consider;
- Identify where you want to focus the task force efforts;
- Identify shareholder groups to reach out to and when/who will contact these groups.

9. Adjournment

There being no further business before the Task Force, Thomas Davison motioned and Janet Johnson seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.